

## OKLAHOMA CROP SHORT.

Prospective Cotton Crop Shrinks Quarter of Million Bales During August.

The annexed letter from the Secretary of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce shows that the deterioration of the cotton crop during August was greater than the Farmers' Union has claimed, notwithstanding the fact that the crop reporting bureau of the Department of Agriculture has persisted in ignoring the demand of Senator Smith for an immediate report on the cotton crop condition and has minimized the extent of the deterioration of the crop.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 28, 1911. Mr. A. V. Snell, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: Your circular letter of 15th inst. awaited my reply when I returned from my vacation.

I agree with you that the last government cotton report was too optimistic, and for your information will say that the Oklahoma prospects have been cut down from an estimate of 1,250,000 bales to 1,000,000 bales. Our State Board of Agriculture believes that the latter figure will now just about mark the limit of production in Oklahoma during this season.

I will do what I can through the State Board of Agriculture to encourage the farmers to hold on to their cotton crop and market it as slowly as possible. There are none of our representatives in Washington at the present time so we will have to forego action as per your first suggestion. Respectfully yours,

J. H. Johnston.

## Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the Clerk of Court's office in the past few weeks. At present few deeds are being recorded and it seems that for the time being there is a slump in the business of the real estate market.

J. B. Richardson to Chas. C. Jacobs, lot in city, \$625.

Agnes Wilson to Charles C. Jacobs, lot on corner of Bartlett and Washington streets, \$1,200.

Heirs of Binkey Atkinson to C. I. Jackson, 275 acres, \$2,500.

Ellen D. Brunsen, et al, to H. Franklin Betts, 100 acres in Concord Township, \$10 and other consideration.

B. Franklin Betts to Sanders Cain, 99 acres in Concord township, \$1,250.

S. M. Pierson Company to S. M. Pierson, 502 acres in county, \$1,038.72.

S. M. Pierson Company to S. M. Pierson, 1 1-2 acres in city, \$2,432.52.

Ed. S. Booth to J. H. Cunningham, lot in city, \$1,700.

Mary A. Epperson to R. D. Epps, lot and premises on North Main street, \$5,500.

R. L. Wright to J. D. Harper, lot on Wright street, \$500.

Colored Methodist Church to Patience Robinson, lot and buildings on Center street, \$125.

E. W. McCallum to A. R. Drayton, lot and residence on Salem avenue, \$1,050.

Matilda A. Flowers and A. Gilbert Flowers, to E. S. Booth, two lots on Hampton avenue, \$1,900.

H. J. Harby to Josiah Dicks, 1 1-2 acres, \$1.00 and other consideration.

## SECOND STORM COMING.

Derelict Destroyer Ordered to Cruise Off Charleston to Aid Distressed Vessel.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The Atlantic revenue cutter fleet was today ordered to remain at sea to follow the path of the second storm which is predicted to break over the South Atlantic coast and move toward Cuba.

The derelict destroyer Seneca has been ordered from her home station at New York to cruise off Charleston, S. C., and aid vessels in distress. The Onondaga has been ordered from Norfolk to search for the schooner

President Taft's estimate of what constitutes a "reasonable" tariff still remains as obscure as ever.—Philadelphia Record.

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## THE BEATTIE TRIAL.

For First Time Since Beginning of Trial, Man Charged with Murdering Wife Displays Signs of Emotion.

Chesterfield, C. H., Va., Aug. 31.—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., indicted for the murder of his wife, sobbed like a child today when his gray-haired father, in a low, tremulous voice, told of the domestic felicity of his son and the slain woman. It was the first time that the stoical calm of the prisoner's countenance had given away. The examination of the father came as the climax of a dramatic day. Tomorrow the accused himself will go on the stand and the defence will rest its case.

Battering constantly against the testimony of Paul Beattie, cousin of the prisoner, as to the purchase of the gun, his delivery of it to Henry and the subsequent conversation with the accused, the defence introduced several witnesses to cast doubt upon the veracity of Paul.

David Beattie, Henry's grandfather, testified that Paul's character was not good. Another intense period in the trial for which apparent regret was shown was when the aged man told of his grandson's shortcomings. Paul has maintained ever since the beginning of the trial that he disposed of the shotgun the same day he bought it, yet David testified that on the Sunday previous to the murder he saw Paul with a shotgun.

E. H. Lewis declared that people spoke of Paul Beattie "as the biggest liar in town."

Henry Clay Beattie, Sr., father of the accused, was interrogated before court adjourned for the day. As he stopped to the witness stand the prisoner's face flushed. The white-haired man, his face deeply wrinkled and pale, spoke in a voice scarcely above a whisper.

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## NEGRO BOY GETS IN TROUBLE.

Arthur Dingle, Colored, Sells A Beautiful Pin and Is Arrested.

Friday morning a negro boy, who gave his name as Arthur Dingle and stated he was from Manning, S. C., was arrested by Policeman Owens under suspicious circumstances.

Dingle came in on the 11:25 train from Wilmington and proceeded up street to W. A. Thompson's Jewelry store where he sold a pin worth more than \$25 for \$5. Notice was given the police and he was arrested on suspicion. Dingle was taken before the recorder to whom, in answer to a vigorous questioning, he stated that he had come from Atlantic City, where he had been working for the Kiss Me Hotel. He was now on his way to Manning to see his mother and had stopped in Sumter to see Mr. A. J. Stubbs on business. He had stopped in Washington, Richmond, Wilmington and Florence on his way and was now spending a short while in Sumter. He at first said that he had left Atlantic City Wednesday morning and later said he had left there Thursday morning.

Dingle was held until his grip could be searched and his business with Mr. Stubbs ascertained.

## Marriage License Record.

One marriage license was issued Thursday by the clerk of court's office. William Jefferson and Mamie Gamble, of Providence, were the couple who wanted to be made one.

## HIDDEN DANGERS.

Nature Gives Timely Warnings That No Sumter Citizen Can Afford to Ignore.

**DANGER SIGNAL NO. 1** comes from the kidney secretions. They will warn you when the kidneys are sick. Well kidneys excrete a clear, amber fluid. Sick kidneys send out a thin, pale and foamy, or thick, red, ill-smelling urine, full of sediment and irregular of passage.

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## HOLD YOUR COTTON.

An Appeal to Farmers by President of Farmers' Union.

To the Farmers of Sumter County: If you have kept up with the reports that have been coming in to the Farmers' Union and the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, you ought to see the absolutely conservative position the Farmers' Union has taken in fixing 13 cents as the minimum fair price for cotton. Secretary Hester of the New Orleans Exchange has just issued his statement of the last crop at 12,120,000 bales. This crop sold for 14 to 15 cents throughout the season, until the big crop report of the Department of Agriculture in July. We have shown how impossible it is for this year's crop to reach fourteen million bales, and how it is more likely to be around twelve million bales—with thirteen million the barest possibility, and an equal chance that storms, rust, rains and insects, worms and boll weevils, and an early frost on a late crop will reduce the crop to less than twelve million bales. Why then should we sell our cotton at 11 cents the pound?

A farmer informed me today the disposition is to sell at the price. Do you not know that there is a gigantic "bear" combine of the spinners of Europe and New England, aided and attended by the spinners of the South, to put cotton to 9 cents? Do you not realize that it would now be below 10 cents but for the active work of the Union and Sumter Chamber of Commerce? Are you going to let all our work go for naught, and discredit us in the eyes of the whole South, which we have aroused as never before, by throwing your cotton on the market?

I appeal to your good sense and patriotism and pride in what your fellow citizens have done in this matter to back us to the limit for 13 cent cotton. The local banks assure us of their hearty co-operation and we have assurances of millions of money from other sources, if we can but persuade you to use it. Need I say more?

E. W. DABBS, County and State President Farmers' Union.

## PROTEST COTTON ESTIMATE.

President of State Farmers' Union Writes Memphis Newspaper.

On account of the fight made by the Farmers' Union to show the world that cotton should be held for a higher price, the president of the organization in the State, E. W. Dabbs, has addressed a letter to the Memphis Commercial-Appeal protesting against the following, which appeared Monday:

"Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 28.—The decline in the condition of the cotton plant, which set in several days ago, has been checked in the two Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama, or has ceased altogether by reason of more favorable weather, rain having fallen in the Carolinas and dry weather supervened in the two latter States. Cotton is early in the Atlantic States, and without more rain will open rapidly. A fair crop is assured, despite the deterioration that has been suffered.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal."

The letter below has been mailed to The Commercial-Appeal by the State president. It speaks for itself, and is a conservative statement of the condition of the South Carolina cotton crop:

"Memphis Commercial-Appeal: 'Your cotton review of August 28, in regard to South Carolina is so erroneous that I beg the use of your columns to correct it. The decline which set in several weeks ago has not been checked over large areas of South Carolina in the counties of Lancaster, York, Cherokee, Spartanburg and the adjoining counties of North Carolina, and in the counties of Greenville, Laurens, Union, Chester and Newberry. I know this from personal observation, and from the observation of intelligent and thoroughly reliable farmers, who inform me that up to yesterday morning the drought had not been broken in the counties named, except in small areas. And that the cotton is as brown and bare of leaves as it is in October, under usual seasons. Over other wide areas of the State the drought was broken too late to add to the yield, and the storm of the 27th and 28th has beat out thousands of bales of open cotton, to say nothing of the damage done to the plants. I trust you will give this equal prominence with the review of the 28th, for we have regarded your crop reports reliable heretofore and regret to have our confidence in them shaken. Respectfully yours,

E. W. DABBS, President South Carolina State Farmers' Union."

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## BUGGY FACTORY GETTING BUSY.

Much Material for Manufacture of Buggies Has Come.

Much of the material for the manufacture of buggies has come and been stored in the old cotton mill where the Rowland Buggy Factory will begin operation in the next few weeks. All of the building has been gone over and thoroughly overhauled and repaired during the past few weeks. New stairways have been put in and everything has been put in readiness for the construction of buggies.

Mr. S. K. Rowland, manager of the company, stated Thursday to a reporter for the Item that he had already stored in the building some \$5,000 worth of stock and that about that much more stock was expected in the next few days. As soon as this stock arrives work will begin and the first buggy will be turned out by the first of October.

The buggies which are sold in town will be put together and sent out complete, while those which are to be shipped off will be taken to pieces and crated for shipment.

Running up and down stairs, sweeping and bending over making beds will not make a woman healthy or beautiful. She must get out of doors, walk a mile or two every day and take Chamberlain's Tablets to improve her digestion and regulate her bowels. For sale by all dealers.

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Nope, the country's going to be too busy cutting corn to accept Wall street's invitation to come and have a panic.—Pittsburg Sun.

An article that has real merit should in time become popular. That such is the case with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been attested by many dealers. Here is one of them. H. W. Hendrickson, Ohio Falls, Ind., writes: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best for coughs, colds and croup, and is my best seller." For sale by all dealers.

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